

GULF COAST BREEZE.

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EDITORIAL.

Senator Mallory predicts that Bryan will be the democratic standard bearer in 1900.

The jury in the Pitzer case returned a verdict of not guilty. They were out a day and night.

The brutality of Weyler is revolting, even to his countrymen. His removal from the command in Cuba is being discussed in Spain.

Governor Atkinson refused to commute the sentence of Henry White, and he was hanged in Columbus last Friday.

It has been discovered that exposure to the power of the X rays destroys the tissues of the flesh if the exposure is long. Many injurious effects have resulted from it of late.

But wouldn't Hawaii be a capital place for old maids to go, for pleasure and health. The last census returns show that there are two men to every woman on that island.

The Florida Legislature held on until nearly daybreak Saturday morning though the hands of the capitol clocks indicated only 12 o'clock. Much important business was rushed through during the last hours.

We hear that Mr. C. B. Collins is advertising his pretty little farm, near Tallahassee, for sale. We presume that the object of the ex-State Treasurer, is to try and square up accounts with his bondsmen and the state.

If some museum man would just catch Gen. Hyena Weyler, and put him on exhibition, he would draw larger crowds than the wild man of Borneo and the man eater from the Cannibal Islands both put together.

A machine for testing the sanity of a person has been invented by Prof. Krohn of the Illinois State University. It is an electric machine, and by applying it to the muscles it detects and registers the thoughts running through the mind.

In the spat between State Senator Chipley and Representative Stockton, all the mud and slime stuck to the other fellow. When these belligerent statesmen returned to their constituents at home, they were each met as conquering heroes.

Not content with her railroads high up in the air, New York is now figuring on attaching her electric cars to balloons, guided by trolley wires, and shooting them, loaded with passengers from station to station like a streak of greased lightning.

Mahuel Garcia, a Mexican bull fighter, has come to the solemn conclusion that a bicycle is a thundering fraud as a mount on which to fight a bull. He came to this conclusion after he and his bicycle had been picked up 35 feet from where they met the bull in battle array.

GRATIFYING.

The hearty welcome extended to the BREEZE in Wakulla county is very gratifying to its editor.

Our friends express the belief that naming our journalistic venture after the delightful Gulf coast breeze was a happy and lucky hit.

Though a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, yet there is much in a name, and we are pleased to see that the BREEZE has struck a popular chord with its home people.

Subscriptions have come in steadily, and we are encouraged with the prospect of success from the start in the way of getting up a good circulation.

COMMENTS ON THE BREEZE.

From our exchanges we clip the following comments on the BREEZE, and thank our brother editors for their good wishes and kind words:

Pensacola Daily News:—

The GULF COAST BREEZE is a new weekly published at Crawfordville, Fla. Its editor, R. Don McLeod, Jr., is the son of a well known Florida newspaper man, the founder of the Tallahasseean, may the success of the father attend the son, is the wish of The News to the breezy sheet.

Fort Myers Press:—

We are in receipt of the first copy of the GULF COAST BREEZE, published at Crawfordville, Fla., by R. Don McLeod, Jr., the bright young son of the well known newspaper man of that name, who is yet in his teens. The BREEZE is a very creditable five column folio, and judging from the salutatory and the general tone of the paper, the young man gives promise of making his mark as a journalist.

Tallahasseean:—

Volume I, No. 1, of the GULF COAST BREEZE, published at Crawfordville, is before us. It is edited by R. Don McLeod, Jr., and starts out one of the brightest weekly newspapers in Florida. It is just such a publication as Wakulla has needed for many years, and we trust it will receive the patronage it deserves.

Macon County (Ga.) Citizen:—

We have among our valued exchanges this week the first issue of the GULF COAST BREEZE, which is edited by Mr. R. Don McLeod, Jr., at Crawfordville, Fla. True to its name, the paper is a breezy affair and reflects credit upon its management.

A QUEER CRAFT.

The queerest ship in the world is being built at Toronto Canada.

It is shaped like a cylinder, and will run by rolling over and over on the ocean waves, propelled by the friction from a powerful engine located in an inner cylinder. The inner cylinder, which will also carry the passengers and freight, will be suspended from powerful axles at each end of the outer cylinder.

The inventor of this strange craft is a lawyer named Knapp.

Mr. George Goodwin, a wealthy contractor of Ottawa, is putting up the money to build it.

Miss Grace Darrell, a heretofore respectable white woman, who had sworn away the liberties of two young white men of Sumter county, has become conscience stricken and confessed in open court that her whole testimony charging the Smith boys with abducting her was false and without foundation, and the prisoners have been released. Miss Grace, because she is a woman, will be allowed to return to her home in New England, instead of going to prison for perjury, but her birth name will be disgrace.

If you want a sample copy of the BREEZE send us your address.

STATE NEWS.

The J. T. & K. W. Railroad was not sold in Jacksonville Monday, as advertised.

Appalachicola was feasting last week, on watermelons and tomatoes brought up from South Florida on the steamer Cootie.

Pensacola pines for a lyceum. The Times thinks that they have the talent and capital to sustain such an institution and should have it.

The location of a grain elevator at Pensacola by the L. & N. Railroad, means the shipment of more Florida grain to other ports.

The Chronicle says that Citrus county orange groves are generally in good condition and are growing nicely, many of the trees being full of fruit.

The Escambia county board of health does not propose to surrender to the state board, without a fight on the net of the legislature abolishing county boards. The board has employed counsel, and will make things lively.

Senator Mallory was in Jacksonville, Monday, inspecting the jetties at the mouth of the St. Johns river, and the Central Silver Club embraced the occasion to tender him a big banquet. The city officials joined in entertaining Florida's junior Senator.

Under the recent act of the legislature, Florida will soon have four divisions of militia marines. War ships, equipped for business, will be placed at their command by the Federal government. Port Tampa has already secured the first division, and Pensacola is striving to get the next.

Eddie Pitzer left Jacksonville Sunday, to visit his uncle in Pittsburg, Pa. The Times-Union says "he needed a change of air." We would imagine, when the threats of Cubans made it necessary for three policemen to escort him to the depot, a change of air was very much needed.

The store of J. B. Clauser at Longwood, was struck by lightning last Sunday. Fifteen people were in the house but not one was hurt. A horse driven a few minutes before by Mrs. Rand, and three children, and left tied to a tree was killed. The electric current, it is said came on a disconnected telegraph wire.

Big preparations for the marriage of Miss Cora Hull to Mr. O. L. Williams in Marion county, were brought to a standstill Monday by the sudden death of the county judge. Col. Burford advised the groom elect to go on with the festivities and get the license and get married, when a new county judge was appointed, but this did not suit him, he wanted the marriage ceremony first, and bled away to another county for a license.

R. B. McConnell, the Ocala banker, who caused the downfall of State Treasurer Collins, committed suicide in Ocala last Saturday. In addition to indictment pending against him in the United States District court, the deputy U. S. marshal served a warrant on him for other newly discovered irregularities, and when granted permission to get his coat he stepped into a room and shot himself through the brain.

Pitzer's dreams may yet be disturbed. It is reported that a young lieutenant colonel in the Cuban army, who formerly lived in Jacksonville, and was engaged also to Miss Gato has secured a furlough to come back to Florida to avenge the murder of his sweet heart. The verdict of a jury would not stand in the way of a hot headed Cuban, if he believes that Pitzer robbed him of his sweetheart.

A SUGGESTION.

Nothing is so discouraging to a farmer as to take the products of his labor to market and find no sale for them.

Many things that would be valuable to others who really need them, or can use them, are not worth hauling back home, to the producer, who is already overstocked.

Our merchants should make it a rule to buy everything, from a bale of cotton, down to a quart of blackberries, that is brought in by our farmers. Never let a farmer haul back home, anything that he brings to our market.

The citizens of Crawfordville can aid our merchants much in carrying out this rule, and they should do it.

In buying family supplies, give the preference always to the products of our home people. Buy Wakulla syrup, Wakulla corn, Wakulla bacon, and in fact everything that the county produces, if you can use it.

In doing this we help our Wakulla farmers, and at the same time help ourselves, for a farmer spends his money when he sells his products.

Let it be known all over the county that everything brought to this market finds a buyer, and that nothing from the farm is hauled back home from Crawfordville, and it will not be long till our streets will be lined with farm wagons from all the surrounding country, our town will increase in popularity, our business interests will grow, and a new era of prosperity will settle down on Crawfordville.

Lets try it.

One of the dwelling houses on the R. A. Lewis place, now owned by Mr. A. Pierce, was burned one day last week. It was occupied by a Mr. Purdee. Mr. Purdee being away at the time, there was no one at home but several small children who could give no cause of the fire. The children were left entirely destitute of clothing and food. Through the kindness of Rev. J. A. Hendry, who circulated a petition, they were comfortably provided for.—Appalachicola Times.

John Bell Franklin attended a recent gathering of colored people at Dawkins School house. He was drinking, and had a shotgun, which he discharged into the crowd. A man, woman and child were wounded, and it is thought the latter will die. An attempt was made to capture Franklin, he showed fight, and was pretty roughly handled, being stabbed several times. He is in duress vile.—Tallahasseean.

Ex-Governor Northen has organized a colony town which bids fair to rival Fitzgerald. He has secured fifty thousand acres of land at Hardaway, near Albany, and will establish a model colony thereon, the name of which will be Putney.—Macon County (Ga.) Citizen.

OTHER GIFTS OF NATURE.

Speaking of nature's gifts in our last issue, we referred only to a few that were growing on Col. McLeods place, that were beneficial to man.

There is not a single part of our county, that does not naturally produce in greatest abundance, forage plants that take the place, entirely of the plants cultivated by our friends of the North, the only difference being (not the question of their nutritive value, for they are as good as the best timothy or red clover of the North,) that nearly all are of spontaneous growth to our soil.

After the planter plows his corn for the last time, it is not long till a beautiful growth of crab grass, (panicum sanguinale,) which on good soils will yield two tons per acre of hay, which, if cut before it is too ripe, is fully equal in value to timothy.

Or it may become covered with a growth of Mexican clover, (Richardsonia scabra.) This, however is not a true clover, but takes its name from its habit of growth, which is similar to that of red clover. It is an annual, a native of Mexico and Central America, and has become so thoroughly naturalized, that it is now found everywhere.

A sandy soil seems essential to its growth and, like the crab grass, it is much more abundant in cultivated fields than elsewhere, coming up after other crops are harvested and making its best growth late in the season. It is of little value for pasture, except for hogs, but when cut for hay, the yield is often two tons or more per acre. The hay, which is usually mixed with more or less crab grass, is of excellent quality. While its roots do not go as deep as true clovers, it makes such a rank growth that it is of considerable value as a fertilizer and for covering the ground through the winter.

So numerous and spontaneous are the gifts of nature in Wakulla, that to mention them all would fill our entire space. We may mention others in future issues.

Yellow Jasmine is a deadly poison. Three young ladies named Woodliff, while fishing near Oxford, N. C., last week, chewed some of it, and one of them, aged 19 years, died on the banks of the creek, the other two were made very sick but did not die.

Durant has secured another respite and may get another trial.

It requires more genuine courage to forgive and forget an injury than to fight a duel.